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August 5, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Commission Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
CY-B402  
Washington D.C. 20554

Re: Proceeding 03-167

Dear Ms. Dortch:

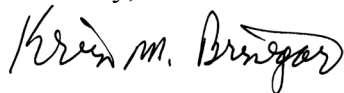
I write regarding the pending application of SBC before the Federal Communications Commission to offer long distance service in Indiana. The Indiana Chamber of Commerce urges the FCC to favorably consider SBC Indiana's application to provide long distance service within our state.

Indiana consumers, both individuals and the business community throughout the state that we represent, desire alternatives with respect to choosing telecommunications providers. Competition should be prevalent in both the local and long distance markets. A competitive marketplace gives consumers better prices, better choices and better service.

We believe further, that considerable competition for the provision of local phone service is indeed present in our state. Therefore, we support SBC's application to provide long distance services and believe that your approval will lead to an even more competitive marketplace for long distance telephone services within Indiana.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kevin M. Brinegar  
President